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In re U.S. Patent Application of

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**For: METHOD FOR CONVERTING AND PURIFYING
MATERIALS FOR MODIFYING SURFACES OF
SEMICONDUCTOR NANOPARTICLES**

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RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 26, 2007, the period of response to which is set to expire on November 26, 2007, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for two months. A Request for Continued Examination is respectfully submitted herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: